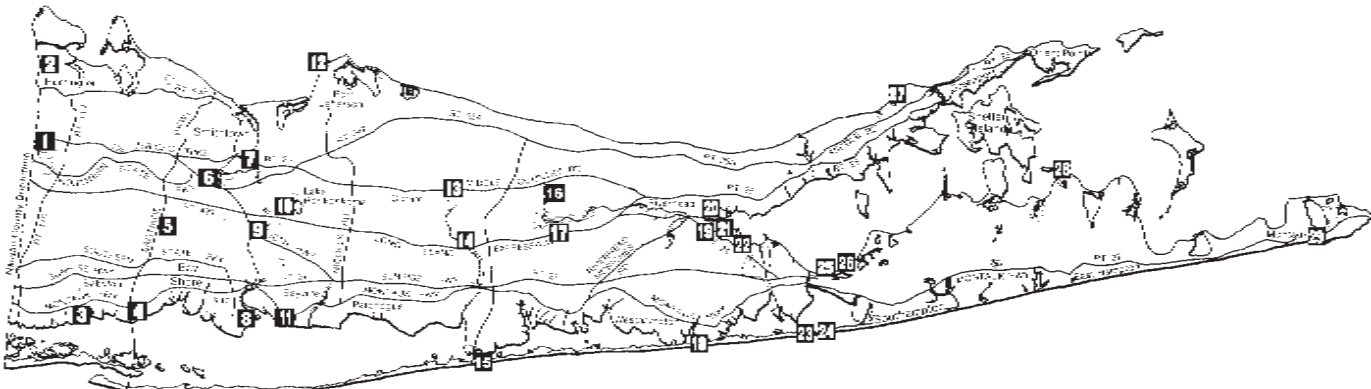




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OTHER RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

P.O. Box 247, Babylon, NY
(631) 669-1000, ext. 247

Town of Babylon

151 Phelps Lane, N. Babylon, NY
(631) 893-2100

Town of Brookhaven

1130 Old Town Road, Coram, NY
(631) 451-6100

Town of East Hampton

159 Pantigo Road, E. Hampton, NY
(631) 324-2417

Town of Huntington

100 Main Street, Huntington, NY
(631) 351-3089

Town of Islip

50 Irish Lane, East Islip, NY
(631) 224-5400

Town of Riverhead

Columbus Avenue, Riverhead, NY
(631) 727-5744

Town of Shelter Island

(631) 749-1066

Town of Smithtown

495 Landing Ave., Smithtown, NY
(631) 360-7644

Town of Southampton

116 Hampton Rd. Southampton, NY
(631) 283-6011

Town of Southold

P.O. Box 267, Peconic, NY
(631) 765-5182

25th Annual Veterans Day XC Race and Healthy People 2K Run Saturday, November 13, 2004 10:00 a.m.

Veterans Affairs Medical Center
in Northport

For information and entry forms:

Veterans Day XC Race
6 Todd Court, Huntington Station, NY 11746
www.nrcrun.org
email: veteransdayxc@aol.com



HEALTH CLUB PROGRAM at the

New Health, Sports & Education Center
Brentwood Campus

FULL SERVICE HEALTH CLUB
~ 25 Meter Heated Pool ~ Weight Room ~
~ Aquatics Classes ~ Tennis Courts ~

(631) 851-6900

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* Member, Parks Legislative Committee
** Chairman, Parks Legislative Committee

Each year the popular AHEPA/Suffolk County Half Marathon and 5K Road Race takes place in late March or early April on the grounds of Suffolk County Community College's Ammerman Campus in Selden. Please call (631) 854-4949 after December 1st, for information and dates for the 2005 race. \$17 entry fee includes tee shirt and awards!



SMOKEY the BEAR REMINDS US TO PRACTICE OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY

- Always use caution with outdoor campfires.
- Follow local laws and safety guidelines.
- Always supervise children around fire and teach them that fire, matches and lighters are adult tools.

Smokey the Bear signs have been installed to warn the public when dry weather conditions make the threat of fire severe.

Visit the Pine Barrens web-site
<http://pb.state.ny.us>

This is a public service message from the Pine Barrens Wildfire Taskforce and Public Education Committee.

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P.O. Box 144, West Sayville, N.Y. 11796 — (631) 854-4949

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STEVE LEVY, County Executive

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Golf Courses, Equestrian Facilities, Beaches, Historic Sites and Tours,
Scheduled Activities, Recreational Programs and MORE!

Park Improvements Enhance Visitor Experience

UTILITY UPGRADE AT INDIAN ISLAND CAMPGROUND

This season, Indian Island Campground will offer electric and water hookups at a portion of campsites, thanks to the \$550,000 Capital Improvement project that began last fall. Thirty-five sites within the campground were updated with utility hookups and were widened to accommodate larger camping units. Indian Island campground is the second, most-popular County camping facility, next to Smith Point County Park in Shirley. Smith Point is also the only other campground within the park system that offers utility hookups.

Although these improvements were designed to meet the needs of larger camping units, tent and pop-up trailer camping will still be permitted in the remaining campsites at the park. Future plans also include a new restroom and shower house within the renovated area.



Members of camping community review site plans for the campground renovation at Indian Island.

THE "BLUE IS BACK" AT TIMBER POINT GOLF COURSE

The Timber Point Golf Course is once again recognized as one of the finest tests of golf on Long Island since the re-opening of the Blue Course last year. All twenty-seven holes are now available for play including the famed "Gibraltar" and "Harbor Hole."

With many of the course's holes abutting the Great South Bay, the course had been susceptible to erosion, and salt-water intrusion. Many of the holes were barely above sea level and both flooding and drainage were major problems. The two-year course renovation consisting of an improved irrigation system, cart path construction, bunker renovations, plantings and turf maintenance, helped to correct the drainage problems.

In addition to a challenging game, golfers can also take advantage of the full-service pro shop on site, as well as a practice driving range, putting green, restaurant and catering facility.



Ron Foley, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Andy Carracino, Timber Pt. Golf Pro and Will Maxwell, Golf Course Superintendent on Opening Day 2004.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Suffolk County Parks is pleased to offer the following special events:

May 18 LONG ISLAND SENIOR GAMES

ORIENTEERING MEET

West Hills County Park - Huntington
(631) 631-6663

May 18-23 LONG ISLAND SENIOR GAMES-04

(631) 265-2966

May 22 NATURE AS ART by Starflower

Experiences 11:00 am West Hills County Park - Huntington (631) 938-6152

May 23 KAYAK DEMONSTRATION DAY

Lake Ronkonkoma County Park
Eastern Mountain Sports (631) 724-1933

May 29 "TEACH A KID TO FISH" PROGRAM

Southaven County Park - Brookhaven
10:00 am & 1:00 pm (631) 563-1825

June 6 Seventh Annual DUCKS UNLIMITED

LI OUTDOORS CONSERVATION

FESTIVAL - Hubbard County Park
9:00 - 3:00 pm (631) 751-5850

June 27 FAMILY FISHING FESTIVAL

Lake Ronkonkoma County Park 10-4 pm
NYSDEC & Lake Ronkonkoma Outfitters
(631) 444-0280

July 10 & 11 ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR

AND BOAT SHOW

Long Island Maritime Museum
(631) HIS-TORY

Aug. 4 SENIOR PICNIC - Southaven

Sponsored by SC Office for the Aging

Aug. 28 & 29 ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Long Island Maritime Museum
(631) HIS-TORY

Oct. 9 & 10 FALL FESTIVAL AT DEEPWELLS

Deepwells Farm County Park - St. James
10:00 - 5:00 pm (631) 862-6080

Oct. 29 HALLOWEEN BOAT BURNING

Long Island Maritime Museum
(631) 854-4974

Nov. 3 - Dec. 30 EIGHTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY

SHOWHOUSE at Deepwells Farm
(631) 862-6080

Not all of the information was available at the time of printing; some events were tentative. Call the number listed by the event to confirm or for more information. For numbers not listed, call (631) 854-4949.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Parks Administration Office 854-4949
Parks Green Key Office 854-4961
Historic Services 854-0987
Park Police Headquarters 854-1422
Park Information & Beach Hotline 244-7275



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A Message from

STEVE LEVY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 2004



Dear Resident,

I am pleased to present the Suffolk County Parks Department's 2004 **LEISURE NEWS**. This publication is a comprehensive guide for all the wonderful recreational and leisure opportunities that are available within the County Parks and provides a valuable resource of information to help plan your summer activities.

Whether you are planning a family picnic, camping vacation, fishing trip, or just a relaxing day at the beach, you will find that Suffolk County Parks have everything you need for a safe and enjoyable stay.

Green Key/Tourist Key

GREEN KEY: This card identifies the holder as a Suffolk County resident and insures reduced fees for park activities. Green key cards are required to access the automated golf and camping reservation system. They can be purchased at Golf Pro Shops, Active Parks, or the Administration Office in West Sayville and is *valid for three years from the date of purchase*.

SEASONAL RESIDENT GREEN KEY: This card may be purchased at Golf Pro Shops or the Parks Administration Office and will allow the user resident privileges during their seasonal stay in Suffolk County. This card is valid until Dec. 31st of the year it is purchased. A certified residential rental or lease agreement for a minimum of 90 days must be provided at time of purchase as proof of seasonal residency.

HANDICAPPED GREEN KEY CARD: This card may be purchased by residents of Suffolk County who qualify as a Disabled Person. Eligible individuals are required to provide a Suffolk County Office of Handicapped Services Identification Card, or a New York State Parks Handicapped Access Pass. In order to receive handicapped discounts for park activities or fees, the person whose name appears on the green key card must be present during each transaction.

SENIOR CITIZEN/JUNIOR GREEN KEY CARD: The Senior card is available to residents age 60 and older. The Junior card is available to residents age 17 and younger. These cards are \$9, and valid for three years from the date of purchase. These are available for purchase where green key cards are sold.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER/EMT CARD: A "Volunteer" Green Key Card may be obtained by Suffolk County residents after proof of "ACTIVE" Volunteer Service is provided. If Volunteer ID card does not show expiration date, volunteer is required to provide letter from Chief on Department letterhead stating the Volunteer's active status. A Suffolk County Parks Volunteer Form, signed by the Chief will be accepted in lieu of a letter. Volunteer must be present to receive discount for park activities or fees.

TOURIST GREEN KEY: Non-residents may purchase a Tourist Green Key card allowing access to golf and camping reservation systems on a limited basis - tourist rates apply. The Tourist Green Key can be purchased in person at Golf Pro Shops, or the West Sayville Administration Office, and can also be purchased via mail or phone (631) 854-4949 (M-F 8:30 - 4:30 pm). The Tourist Green Key Card is *valid for one year from the date of purchase*.

****ALL DISCOUNTS are NON-TRANSFERABLE, and can only be received by person whose name appears on the discount card.****

RESERVATIONS can be made for golf tee times or for camping reservations by calling (631) 244-PARK on a touch-tone phone or on-line through the Parks' page of the County's website at www.suffolkcountyny.gov.

GOLF COURSES — "Better than Ever ... Naturally"

Suffolk County Parks offers four diverse golf courses. Each course is staffed by a PGA professional, and contains a clubhouse with changing or locker rooms, sanitary facilities, driving range, practice greens, and a full-service restaurant and catering facility. Metal spikes are not permitted on any county course. Golfers are required to wear non-penetrating spikes, soft spikes or sneakers. Reservations are not necessary, but if you wish to reserve a tee time, call (631) 244-PARKS (7275) from a touch tone phone, or visit our website at www.suffolkcountyny.gov and have your Green Key card handy. Same day reservations and walk-ons are available. For further information and hours, call the pro shops directly. Gift certificates for greens fees are available at each of the pro shops.

WEST SAYVILLE COUNTRY CLUB



PGA Professional: Fred Gipp
Pro Shop: (631) 567-1704
Golf Reservations: (631) 244-7275

Holes: 18 Par 72

Putting Green / Pro Shop / Driving Range

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM,
Sat. & Sun. 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

SIGNATURE HOLE: 13TH - 401 YARDS - PAR 4

This hole usually plays longer than the yardage because of a prevailing south wind. The second shot is to an elevated undulating green with the Great South Bay and Fire Island as a backdrop. Par (4) is a good score here.

Meadow Edge Restaurant: a full-service catering facility and restaurant. Open 7 days a week (in season)
Your Host: Lessing's (631) 589-0022

Directions: Sunrise Highway (East) to Exit 46 - Montauk Hwy. (CR 85). Golf course is approximately three miles East on South side of Montauk Highway.

FREE GOLF CLINICS - May thru Labor Day: 1:30 - 2:30
1st Sunday of Month - Full Swing
2nd Sunday of Month - Putting and Chipping
3rd Sunday of Month - Sand Trap Play
4th Sunday of Month - Tee Shots

ONE DAY GOLF SCHOOLS

Cost: \$125.00 per student

Includes: Continental Breakfast and Lunch, Instruction & Video Analysis, One Professional per Four Students
Call for Available Dates!

DEMO DAYS - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sat. May 15 Tour Edge
Wed. May 19 Callaway
Sun., May 23 Taylor-Made

* Test out the newest clubs and equipment. Range balls will be provided at no charge.

FREE ETIQUETTE AND RULES SEMINARS

Sat. May 22 (1:30 pm), Sat. Jun. 5 (2:30 pm), Sat. Jun. 26 (11:00 am)

INDIAN ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB



PGA Professional: Bob Fox
Pro Shop: (631) 727-7776
Golf Reservations: (631) 244-7275

Holes: 18 Par 72

Putting Green / Pro Shop / Driving Range (open until 10 pm)

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat. & Sun. 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

SIGNATURE HOLE: 5TH - 167 YARDS - PAR 3

Overlooks the Peconic River with bunkers to the right and Saw Mill Brook to front and left of large undulating green.

Indian Island Restaurant:

a full-service catering facility and restaurant.

Open 7 days a week (in season)

Your Host: Russ Moran (631) 727-0788

Directions: From the Riverhead Traffic Circle, take Flanders Road about one mile to County Road 105. Turn left onto Rte. 105 and continue to entrance on right.

2004 GOLF PROGRAM

FULL DAY/HALF DAY GOLF SCHOOL	\$225/\$135
ONE-HOUR CLINICS	\$ 35
WOMEN'S GOLF CLINIC	\$195
JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC	\$ 25

CHILDREN'S GOLF CAMP \$225/person

A twelve-hour camp program for kids. Includes fundamentals of the game, golf history, the rules and etiquette of golf, as well as lessons in sportsmanship.



PGA Professional: Andy Carracino
Pro Shop: (631) 581-2401
Golf Reservations: (631) 244-7275

Holes: 27 Par 72

RENOVATIONS NOW COMPLETE!

Putting Green / Pro Shop / Driving Range

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Fri. 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat. & Sun. 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

SIGNATURE HOLE: 2ND (BLUE) - 146 YARDS - PAR 3

A panoramic view of the Connetquot River and the Great South Bay as golfer hits off elevated tee across pond into this memorable short par three "Harbor Hole."

Timber Point Country Club: a full-service catering facility and restaurant. Open 7 days a week (in season)
Your Host: Lessing's (631) 581-0022

Directions: Southern State Parkway to Exit 45 East (Montauk Highway). Right at first traffic light (Great River Road). Proceed 1.5 miles to entrance.

Senior News Golf Tournament: Sept. 22, 2004

Call Senior News at (631) 286-0058

Long Island Golf Association Junior Boys & Girls

Championship: July 6, 7, & 9, 2004

Call LIGA (516) 745-1159

Golf Instructional Program at Timber Point

- Clinics for Juniors every Saturday
- Junior Golf Camp begins in July - Register in Spring!
- Individual and Group Instruction available

BERGEN POINT COUNTRY CLUB



PGA Professional: Victor Romano
Pro Shop: (631) 661-8282
Golf Reservations: (631) 244-7275

Holes: 18 Par 71

Putting Green / Pro Shop / Driving Range

Hours of Operation: Mon - Sun 6 AM - 7 PM

SIGNATURE HOLE: 18TH - 450 YARDS - PAR 4

Even the longest hitters and low handicappers have difficulty reaching the green in regulation. Water comes into play on the drive and approach shot along the left side of the fairway. The 2nd shot plays to a well-guarded amphitheater green.

Bergen Point Country Club:

a full-service catering facility and restaurant.

Open 7 days a week (in season) (631) 661-1525

Directions: Sunrise Hwy. to Route 231 South. Take 231 South to 27A West (Montauk Hwy.). Go through Babylon Village. Turn left on Bergen Ave. Golf course on right.

The 2004 **Global Golf Junior Golf Schools** (for beginners and novice golfers 8 to 17 years of age) Four days of PGA Professional Instruction by head PGA Professional Victor Romano and staff.

Each 3 1/2 hour session includes: Lunch, Golf Course Play, Four Station Rotation (putting, chipping/bunker, iron play and wood play), and Daily Contests and Tournaments. Golf clubs and bags are not necessary. For more information about these schools, schedules, and reservations, please call 661-8282

Bergen Point Outing Packages

Our golf outing packages entitle you to full use of our entire 18 hole championship linkside golf course. The staff at Bergen Point can help design the outing to meet your needs. We will assist with pre-tournament registration, distribution of contest and sponsor signs and the extras to further embellish your tournament. Contact our Pro Shop at (631) 661-8282 for info.



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Suffolk County Park Concessionaires

LESSING'S

MEADOW EDGE / TIMBER POINT

The Lessing family operates a full-service restaurant and catering facility at the West Sayville and Timber Point Country Clubs. Each facility offers beautifully appointed rooms with picturesque views. These facilities are open daily for breakfast, lunch and cocktails in season (April - November). For information, call Timber Point at (631) 581-0022, West Sayville at (631) 589-0022.

SEARS BELLOW'S STABLE

LONE ELM TREE CORPORATION

The Sears Bellows Stable is located behind the BIG DUCK at Sears Bellows County Park in Hampton Bays. Trail rides, pony rides, English and Western lessons and boarding are available. The stable also features a summer pony program, pony parties, special half-hour rides for families and children, and sunset rides. Group rates available. For information, call (631) 723-3554.

SOUTHAVEN EQUESTRIAN CENTER

SPRING VALLEY SERVICES - Temporary Licensee

The Southaven Equestrian Center, located at scenic Southaven County Park is open seven days a week for scenic horseback trail rides by appointment weekdays, and hourly on the weekends. Miles of bridle paths wind through a varied landscape of woodland, fields and seasonal views of the Carmans River. Two 200 ft barns, a large outdoor riding ring, a pony track, and a picnic area are available for all your equestrian needs. (631)205-1000.

WEST HILLS STABLES

SWEET HILLS STABLES, INC.

Louise Privitera operates the Sweet Hills Stable located in West Hills County Park. At Sweet Hills, you will find an indoor practice ring and boarding facilities. Trail rides, riding lessons and summer program available. For further information, call (631) 351-9168.

BERGEN POINT COUNTRY CLUB

GLOBAL GOLF CORPORATION

Global Golf Corp. operates and maintains the Bergen Point County Golf Course facility. Improved course conditions and a full service restaurant and catering facility are just a few of the things you are sure to enjoy while golfing at Bergen Point. For information on golf outings, junior camps, private instruction or any other group bookings, please call the Pro Shop at (631) 661-8282. For catering information, call (631) 661-1525.

CEDAR POINT GENERAL STORE

KAELIN'S CAMP STORE

The Cedar Point General Store and Snack Bar at Cedar Point County Park in East Hampton, is operated by Joe and Mary Kaelin. They offer a full line of groceries, camping supplies, wood or firewood, ice, souvenirs, etc. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served at the snack bar which offers a sit-down dining area. Saturday night family movies are shown, weather permitting. Campers have free use of basketball, volleyball, and badminton equipment. Store phone (631) 324-7147.

SMITH POINT CAMPGROUND STORE

THE WAVE CAMP STORE

"The Wave" is located in the center of the campground, next to the children's playground. It will begin its 2004 season Memorial Day weekend. During June, it will be open weekends only, weather permitting. During July through Labor Day it will be open daily from 7:30 am to 10:00 pm. "The Wave" offers a wide variety of hot food selections for breakfast, lunch, dinner or just a light snack. The store also offers camping amenities such as ice and firewood. In addition, a Mister Softee ice cream truck is located next to the store to provide those refreshing summertime favorites.

THE BEACH HUTS

SMITH POINT, CUPSOGUE AND MESCHUTT BEACHES

The food concessions at Smith Point, Cupsogue, and Meschutt beaches, known as "The Beach Huts" offer a wide variety of food items from the traditional hot dogs and hamburgers to complete dinners including seafood, chicken and pasta. They also offer a diverse selection of beverages including the very popular "Smoothies." Special Events and Theme Nights are held throughout the season including the ever-popular "Lobsterfest", and Blues Nights. For more information, call (631) 281-7788 (Smith Point), 288-7670 (Cupsogue), and 728-2988 (Meschutt).

DEEP HOLLOW STABLES

DEEP HOLLOW LIMITED

At this **OLDEST CATTLE RANCH IN AMERICA**, visitors can participate in beach and trail rides, live shows and a Living History Wagon Tour. Great for school, scout, senior or corporate outings. For information, call (631) 668-3901.

GOLF PROS

ANDY CARRACINO — PGA Professional
Timber Point Country Club (631) 581-2401

ROBERT FOX — PGA Professional
Indian Island Country Club (631) 727-7776

FRED GIPP — PGA Professional
West Sayville Country Club (631) 567-1704

VICTOR ROMANO — PGA Professional
Bergen Point Country Club (631) 661-8282

COUNTY LICENSED CANOE OPERATORS

Linda Sandstadt (631) 979-8244
Nissequogue River Canoe Rentals,
P.O. Box 479, Smithtown, NY 11782
www.canoe rentals.com

Robert Koliner (631) 269-9761

Bob's Canoe Rentals,
PO Box 529 Kings Park

Mike Covell (631) 286-0567

Glacier Bay Sports
2979 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven

Lars Svanberg (800) 564-4386

Main Beach Surf & Sport
www.mainbeach.com

COUNTY LICENSED PICNIC CATERERS

Access That's Entertainment

(631) 588-4455
2520 Middle Country Rd., Centereach, NY 11720

Andrews Fabulous Foods & Event Management

(631) 750-1400 www.whitsons.com
379 Oakwood Rd., Huntington Station, NY 11746

Anthony's Events Unlimited

(631) 981-0202, 1-800 23-EVENT
235 Lakeshore Road, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Bon Soir Caterers

(718) 763-9420 Ext. x10/x11
2422 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11234

Enchanted Parties - Event Pro Inc.

(631) 467-6628 www.enchantedparties.com
711 Koehler Ave., Suite 5, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Johnnie's Sub Side

(631) 360-9871
75 West Main Street, Smithtown, NY 11787

Lessing's

(631) 567-8200 www.lessings.com
3 Consuelo Place, Oakdale, NY 11769

Rhea's Parties & Event Planning

(516) 810-1066
P.O. Box 550, Rocky Point, NY 11778

Approved caterer list is subject to change.

For updated list, please call (631) 854-4951

COINDRE HALL CATERERS

Andrews Fabulous Foods & Event Management

(631) 750-1400 www.whitsons.com
379 Oakwood Rd., Huntington Station, NY 11746

Lessing's (631) 567-8200 www.lessings.com

3 Consuelo Place, Oakdale, NY 11769

Philip Stone Caterers

(516) 326-2156 X 1901 www.stonecaterers.com
1979 Marcus Ave, Suite E-108, Lake Success, NY 11042

INDIAN ISLAND RESTAURANT

PECONIC RESTAURANT GROUP

The Indian Island Restaurant, operated by Russ and Mary Moran, is located at the Indian Island Golf Course in Riverhead. In addition to providing a full-service catering facility and a regular lunch and dinner menu, the Morans have implemented a special Thursday "Family Night" dinner, "2 for 1" dinner specials on Sundays, as well as a local wine tasting dinner. The restaurant is open seven days a week from March 1 - December 31. For information, rates and schedules, call (631) 727-0788

WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER

The **Wildlife Rescue Center of the Hamptons, Inc.** is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and ultimate release of injured, orphaned or distressed wild animals. The Rescue Center is located at Munns Pond County Park in Hampton Bays. The Center includes a state-of-the-art wildlife hospital, a medical examination room, an orphan room with heaters, a critical care center for severely injured animals, and a volunteer training area. A "Nature Display Area" is open for educational tours and information during the season. The Wildlife Rescue Center holds several fundraising events during the year to support its operations.



For more information on fundraising, events, or volunteering, call **(631) 728-WILD (9453)**.

Virginia Fratti tends to an injured patient.

Photo courtesy of Wildlife Rescue Center

WATCH OUT FOR PIPING PLOVERS

Many Long Island beaches are used for nesting by seabirds and shorebirds. Among these are the Piping Plovers. This small, sand-colored bird is a threatened species and is protected under the Endangered Species Act. The Plovers return to Long Island beaches each year in March and after establishing their territories begin to form nests in the sand. The Parks Department, through its Endangered Species Protection Program hires seasonal monitors to locate the birds and to install fences and signs near nesting areas to keep humans and predators away.

Occasionally, during the season, Parks personnel may need to close or restrict beach access for best protection of the plovers and other natural resources. When this occurs, signs will be posted at the parks and daily updates will be available on the Parks page of the County's web site at www.suffolkcountyny.gov, or by phone on the Parks Information and Beach Hotline at (631) 244-PARK.

WEST SAYVILLE GREENHOUSE

G.R.O.W.

Greenhouse Recreation Opportunities Workshop

"Helping people with developmental disabilities blossom into a growing experience."

A Project of Developmental Disabilities Institute

Visit our Greenhouse located at the

West Sayville Golf Course.

Open to the Public Year Round

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 - 4:00 pm

Sat. - Sun. 10:00 - 3:00 pm

For further information — **(631) 563-9240**.





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BEACHES

SMITH POINT COUNTY PARK

Shirley (631) 281-7788 or 852-1313
~ Suffolk County's most popular and largest ocean front park on Fire Island, overlooking both the Great South Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. It offers visitors a multitude of aquatic and land-based activities, in addition to lifeguard protected ocean swimming .
Aug. 1 - 4th Annual Sandcastle Contest
Sept. 4 - Annual Music Festival
Every Monday and Thursday - Lobsterfest
Every Tuesday and Wednesday - Live Music
Every Friday - Rock and Roll Buffet
Every Saturday - Country Western Night

CUPSOGUE BEACH COUNTY PARK

Westhampton (631) 288-7670 or 852-8111
~ Lifeguard protected ocean swimming
July 18 - 6th Annual Sand Castle Contest
Every Monday and Tuesday - Pasta Night
Every Wednesday and Friday - Lobsterfest
Every Saturday - Blues Night
Every Sunday - Live Music

MESCHUTT BEACH COUNTY PARK

Hampton Bays (631) 728-2988 or 852-8205
~Lifeguard protected swimming in the Peconic Bay
July 25 - 5th Annual Sand Castle Contest
Sept. 5 - Annual Music Festival
Every Monday and Wednesday - Local Yokels
Pasta Night ... Live Music
Every Tuesday and Thursday - Lobsterfest
Every Friday - Classic Car Night with "Oldies but Goodies Music"
Every Saturday and Sunday - Live Music

SUFFOLK COUNTY LIFEGUARDS



The Suffolk County Parks Department provides lifeguard services at Smith Point, Cupsogue, Meschutt Beach, and Sears Bellows County Parks. With the assistance of the Park Police and Emergency Medical Staff, the lifeguards are able to provide Suffolk residents with safe beaches to enjoy.

OUTER BEACH ACCESS

Outer beach areas are also accessible to Suffolk County residents and tourists with a Suffolk County outer beach recreational vehicle permit, available at the Parks Administration Office or at the outer beach facilities.

Smith Point County Park

Shirley (631) 852-1313

Theodore Roosevelt County Park

Montauk (631) 852-7878 or 7879 (in season)

Cedar Point County Park *

East Hampton (631) 852-7620

* **off-season access only**

Shinnecock East County Park

Southampton (631) 852-8899

Cupsogue Beach County Park

Westhampton Beach (631) 852-8111 (in season)

Charles F. Altenkirch County Park *

Hampton Bays (631) 854-4949

* **off-season access only**

FISHING

Fishing is an all-time favorite pursuit of many Suffolk County residents. Thanks to careful acquisition of lands and astute conservation efforts by the County, fishermen can boast truthfully of a vast variety of catchable edible species. Night fishing is available (with permit) at Smith Point, Shinnecock East and West, Orient Point, the Shinnecock Canal, Cupsogue and Theodore Roosevelt County Parks. All fishermen are reminded that in addition to the state required fishing license, a daily fishing permit for Southaven must be obtained as well as a Suffolk County Parks Green Key Card for all areas.

SALTWATER FISHING

Cupsogue Beach County Park

Westhampton (631) 852-8111

Smith Point County Park

Shirley (631) 852-1313

Theodore Roosevelt County Park

Montauk (631) 852-7878 or 7879 (in season)

Cedar Point County Park

East Hampton (631) 852-7620

Shinnecock East County Park

Southampton (631) 852-8899 (in season)

Indian Island County Park

Riverhead (631) 852-3232

Cordwood Landing County Park

Miller Place (631) 854-4949

April 1 to Dec 15 only

SCUBA DIVING & SNORKELING

Both certified divers as well as casual snorkelers can enjoy scuba diving and snorkeling at:

Cedar Point County Park

East Hampton (631) 852-7620

Theodore Roosevelt County Park

Montauk (631) 852-7878 or 7879 (in season)

Smith Point County Park

Shirley (631) 852-1316

Cupsogue Beach County Park

Westhampton (631) 852-8111 (in season)

Meschutt Beach County Park

Hampton Bays (631) 852-8205 (in season)

For additional information on dive locations, please call the LI Divers Association at (631) 286-3505 or the Parks Administration Office at (631) 854-4949.

MARINAS

Timber Point East/ West County Marina Great River

- Situated on the Great South Bay, these two facilities provide a total of 153 slips for Suffolk County residents*, a fuel dock, sewage pump out station, restrooms, electrical hookups and water. *There is a waiting list for the seasonal slips. Transient slips can be reserved by calling (631) 854-0938.

Shinnecock County Marina, Southampton

Located at the northeastern end of Shinnecock Canal, this facility offers a fuel dock, free sewage pump out station, restrooms with showers, as well as water and electric hookups.

Seasonal dockage is available for residents and fees are charged on a per foot basis. Transient docking fees are charged on a per slip basis. For reservations and information, call (631) 852-8291.

Smith Point North Boat Ramp, Shirley

This launching ramp is available year round. Yearly or daily permits are required.

FRESHWATER FISHING—NYS Rules

Blydenburgh County Park

Smithtown (631) 854-3713

Southaven County Park

Brookhaven (631) 854-1414

Theodore Roosevelt County Park

Montauk (631) 852-7878

Lake Ronkonkoma County Park

Lake Ronkonkoma (631) 854-9699

Night fishing only. Call Admin. Office for details.



BOATING

Experience unspoiled beauty! Witness the sights and sounds of the natural surrounding landscape on one of the many pristine waterways located throughout our Parks.

Rowboats can be rented from mid-May until Labor Day at Blydenburgh, Southaven, and Cedar Point County Parks.

Canoes can be launched on the Carmans River in Southaven or on Big Reed Pond in Theodore Roosevelt County Park. Certain restrictions do apply. Contact Southaven at (631) 854-1414 or Theodore Roosevelt Park at (631) 852-7878 for information on schedules and fees.

LICENSED CANOE / KAYAK OPERATORS

Main Beach Surf & Sport offers canoe, kayak, sailboat, paddle boat and windsurfing rentals at Cedar Point County Park. Canoeing, sailboating, and windsurfing lessons as well as canoe and kayak tours are available. For info., call **(800) 564-4386** or on-line at www.mainbeach.com.

Glacier Bay Sports offers canoe and kayak trips along the Carmans River in Southaven County Park beginning in early Spring. In addition, canoe and kayak rentals are available on weekends for trips around the river on a per hour cost basis. For information, call **(631) 286-0567**.

Bob's Canoe Rental, Inc. Long Island's oldest canoe livery. Canoe and kayak rentals on the Nissequogue River. Also available are guided tours and certified instructions. Please call (631) 269-9761 for scheduling and reservations.

Nissequogue River Canoe Rentals offers canoe and kayak rentals on the Nissequogue River. Individuals, groups, and organizations welcome. Call (631) 979-8244 for reservations and information or visit their web site at www.canoerentals.com.

PARK POLICE

The **Suffolk County Park Police Administration Office** is located at the Suffolk Lodge at Southaven County Park in Brookhaven. Park Police — **(631) 854-1422**

The **Pine Barrens Law Enforcement Office** is also located at the Lodge. To report any violations, illegal dumping, etc. in the Pine Barrens region, call the 24 hour toll-free hotline **1-877-BARRENS (227-7367)**



LEISURE NEWS

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HORSEBACK RIDING

You don't need to own your own horse to go horseback riding. Riding stables in Suffolk County Parks offer reliable and friendly trail horses for your convenience. Each of the four County-owned stables provide a variety of equestrian services, and are open year round, weather permitting.

SWEET HILLS STABLE - Huntington

West Hills County Park (631) 351-9168

- Riding Lessons
- Indoor Practice Ring
- Trail Rides
- Boarding Facilities
- Summer Program

DEEP HOLLOW RANCH - Montauk

Theodore Roosevelt County Park

(631) 668-2744

- 1-1/2 hour beach and trail rides
- Riding Lessons
- Group and private rides
- Pony party/pony rentals
- Horses bought/sold/boarded/trained
- Wagon Rides

SEARS BELLOWES STABLE - Hampton Bays,

Sears Bellows County Park behind the Big Duck

Days: **(631) 723-3554** Evenings: **(631) 668-5453**

- One hour trail rides to the lake
- Special 1/2 hour rides for family and children (5 and up)
- Summer pony program
- English and Western lessons
- Boarding facilities
- Sunset Rides
- Pony Rides
- Birthday Parties

SOUTHAVEN EQUESTRIAN CENTER

- Brookhaven

Southaven County Park (631) 205-1000

- Guided trail rides (Group & private, Class trips and Corporate rides)
- Pony rides and Dude Ranch parties
- English and Western Riding Lessons
 - Hunter Under Saddle / Hunter Jumper, Western Pleasure
 - Speed Events, Barrels and Poles
- 80' x 200' Indoor Arena - available for rent
- Boarding Facilities
- Horses bought/sold/boarded/trained
- Horses for lease
- Horse Shows / Clinics
- Summer Horsemanship Program

Horseback riding is also permitted on marked trails at the following Parks. A Suffolk County Parks Horseback riding permit is required.

West Hills, Huntington	(631) 854-4423
Blydenburgh, Smithtown	(631) 854-3713
Cathedral Pines, Middle Island	(631) 852-5500
Southaven, Brookhaven	(631) 854-1414
Theodore Roosevelt, Montauk	(631) 852-7878
Bohemia Equestrian Ctr., Bohemia	(631) 854-4949
Smith Point, Shirley	(631) 852-1313

Group permit holders (5 horse minimum, 40 maximum per day) may ride at our largest ocean front park, Smith Point. Permits are required and available at the Administration Office in West Sayville.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

As part of the County's on-going effort to promote active recreational activities and healthy lifestyle habits, the Suffolk County Parks Department provides a variety of recreational and sport instruction opportunities throughout the year for residents of all ages. Programs range in interest from youth tennis clinics and a Junior Golf Tour (ages 9-17) to instructional seminars for adults including sport fishing and fly fishing clinics. Other planned programming includes beach activities such as summer volleyball leagues and surfing clinics.

For futher program and registration information, please contact the Parks Department at (631) 854-0903 or check out our web site at www.suffolkcountyny.gov.

2004 Junior Golf Tour

Four day tournament consisting of one round of golf at each of the four County Golf Courses

Wednesday, July 14th - West Sayville

Monday, July 26th - Bergen Point

Wednesday, August 11th - Indian Island

Thursday, August 26th - Timber Point

(631) 854-0903

PECONIC DUNES COUNTY PARK

Peconic Dunes is a co-educational camp offering sleep away or day camp experiences for youngsters ages 8-15. Peconic Dunes Summer Camp, operated by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, provides a wide variety of activities to meet the needs of our campers including basketball, kayaking, soccer, softball, cookouts, and campfires. Training in outdoor survival skills, fishing and environmental crafts will also be offered. Peconic Dunes County Park is located on the beautiful north fork of Long Island. The setting is perfect for learning about our Island's bountiful natural resources. Children ages 11-15 can also register for "Camp Sea Wolf" - a specialized program offered in cooperation with the Marine Research Center at SUNY - Stony Brook.

The 2004 sesaon begins on **June 27** and ends **August 21**. For more information about Peconic Dunes Summer Camp, call (631) 727-7850 or at www.peconicdunes.com

JUNIOR NATURALIST PROGRAM

At the **Junior Naturalist Summer Program** participants (grades 4-6) can enjoy learning about the natural environment as they hike, explore, and swim at beautiful **Sears Bellows County Park** in Hampton Bays. Children will also participate in environmental games, orienteering, aquatic studies, nature crafts and field trips to a salt marsh and to the Atlantis Marine World Aquarium, including a cruise aboard the Atlantis Explorer Tour Boat. This program is sponsored in part by the Suffolk County Parks Department. Program Fee: \$160 (includes program materials, field trips and camp T-shirt) **Camp Schedule: July 5 - 9 Aug 2 - 6**

For information please call Eileen Gerle at (631) 852-4779. To register, call (631) 852-4613.

LONG ISLAND LIVE STEAMERS

Experience the sounds and smells of a real railroad in miniature as you travel through park woodlands behind live steam, diesel and electric locomotives. Trains accommodate passengers of all ages. Club members are always available to answer questions and provide inspiration for young and old. Facilities include a snack and merchandise/gift shop. Open to the public from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm on the following dates: **May 23** and **30, June 13** and **27, July 11** and **25, August 8** and **29, September 12** and **26, October 10** and **31**. For information, call (631) 345-0499 or visit their web site at www.trainweb.org/lils.

OLD FIELD FARM

Old Field Farm County Park is located at the headwaters of West Meadow Creek, just north of Stony Brook Harbor, in Setauket. (see info page 6)

Special events take place throughout the year to raise funds for the revitalization of this beautiful landmark. Don't miss these exciting events planned in 2004:

June 26: First Annual Vineyard Ride Benefit
Donation: \$75/person
Call 516-364-1869 to register.

Aug. 22: Nassau Suffolk Horsemen's
Assoc. Annual Horse Show
Call 631-246-8983 for information.

Old Field Farm Summer Film Series

Please join us for our summer outdoor film series celebrating the Horse in Film. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy an old-fashioned evening of outdoor film. Gates open at 7:30 pm, film begins at dusk.

June 12 *The List of Adrian Messenger* 1963
July 15 *The Horse in the Grey Flannel Suit* 1968
July 22 *National Velvet* 1944

For information, write or call: Old Field Farm, Ltd., Box 598, Stony Brook, New York 11790
Phone: **(631) 246-8983** Fax: **(631) 941-3104**.

STARFLOWER EXPERIENCES, INC.

Starflower Experiences, Inc. is a not-for-profit, educational organization that helps people connect with the earth and its systems of life. They will be offering the following programs at Sweet Hollow Hall in West Hills County Park.

Earthkeepers Day Camp July 5-9. (8:45am - 12:30pm).

The Earthkeepers program is an internationally acclaimed learning adventure. Participants learn how the systems of life operate and how to live in harmony with the earth. Participants must be finishing 4th or 5th grade.

Earth Explorers Camp, July 12-16 (8:45am-12:30pm).

Advanced Earth Explorers, Aug 9-13 (8:45 am-5:00 pm)

The **Tenth Annual Environmental Expo**, sponsored by Starflower Experiences and the Suffolk County Parks Department will be held on October 3. A fun day for the whole family with games, activities and information on how to lessen your impact on the earth's natural systems.

Monthly Earthwalks are also held the first Sunday of every other month at 2:00 pm. The program includes an hour-long stroll with activities that help open your senses so you can experience the natural world in new and different ways. For ages 9 to adult. May 2nd, July 11th, Sept. 5th, & Nov. 7th.

It's your choice! For further information —
Call: (516) 938-6152
E-mail: StarfExp@aol.com, or
Website: www.starflowerexperiences.org



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